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NEWS NOTES

Commissary open Friday

The Tobyhanna Commissary will be open for business on Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During the week of Thanksgiving, the store will be open on Nov. 20 to provide patrons with an additional shopping day before the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Commissary will be closed Nov. 23-24 in observance of Thanksgiving and will resume normal operating hours Nov. 25.

Christmas products are now available for purchase for a holiday gift.

The Commissary has fruit baskets assembled by Commissary personnel. Orders can be placed in the Commissary or by calling Rich or Sarah, 570-895-7957.

Retirees meet at Chaplin's

The Tobyhanna Breakfast Club, a group of depot retirees, meets every Tuesday, 9 a.m., at Chaplin's in Dunmore. Tobyhanna retirees are welcome.

For further information, call Frank Gervasi, 346-6438.

Women's Club sponsors trip

The Tobyhanna Women's Club is sponsoring a bus trip for a day of shopping at the Pennsylvania Holiday Craft Show at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg on Dec. 1. A bus will depart from the depot parking lot at 7:45 a.m. and return at about 7 p.m.

Cost is \$22 per person. Price includes round trip bus transportation and admission to the show.

To reserve a seat on the bus, contact Eileen Rizzo, X57336, or Emma Olsommer, X56265.

New York trip tickets on sale

The Civilian Welfare Council (CWF) will host a trip to New York City Dec. 9. Cost is \$17 per person. A bus will leave the depot parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and the city at 5:30 p.m. Reservations and payment can be made at the One Stop Shop, X58851.

Technicians restore radar's reliability rate

Unprecedented field repairs during 4-month deployment bring Firefinders back online

by Jacqueline Boucher
Assistant Editor

Depot employees joined forces with technicians throughout the Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command to Reset two AN/TPQ-36 and four AN/TPQ-37 Firefinder systems assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division.

At the request of the mission commander, the Army Firefinders remained in South Korea while the Counterfire Radar Reset Team spent four months making on-site repairs and upgrades to bring the radars back to mission-capable status. Officials said high operations tempo and environment had affected the aging systems; they were operational, but not reliable.

"The [mission] commander requested the assets remain in-theater so the team deployed with equipment necessary to bring the radars back online," said Daniel Shea, chief, Firefinder Division, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate. In addition, team members spent time training and mentoring the Soldiers that work on the radars, he said.

Firefinder automatically locates the firing position of hostile mortars, artillery and rockets. There are two models—the AN/TPQ-36 is a highly mobile radar set capable of detecting weapon projectiles, and the AN/TPQ-37 quickly locates long-range artillery and rocket launcher positions. Tobyhanna handles a large percentage of the radar's Reset, rebuild and Recapitalization workload.

In an after-action message, the mission commander told Army leaders that team members represented the professionalism and mission focus of their command.

"We have observed the best example of mission-focused teamwork from multiple supporting agencies in accomplishing a sensitive and complicated mission," said Maj. Gen. James Coggins, 2nd ID commander. "The Reset Team was a sterling example of the dedication our Soldiers, Department of the Army (DA) civilians and contractors



Modular Azimuth Positioning System (MAPS) verification procedures are performed on an AN/TPQ-37 Firefinder radar. (Photos by Constantine Georgiades)



Ronald Fiest repairs an AN/TPQ-37 Firefinder radar while deployed to Korea. He is a sheet metal mechanic, in the Industrial Services Division, Systems Integration and Support Directorate.

exhibit daily throughout our Army, and I, for one, want to say thanks."

The general also said that the team's technical and mechanical expertise is "without peer and you should be proud of the professionalism and skills that each individual team member exhibited."

The radars hadn't undergone a depot

overhaul in several years and it took a site survey team a month to troubleshoot the systems, determine status and the best course of action for repair.

"Every antenna out there needed work," said Nancy Telesco, electronics mechanic and member of the site survey team. "We evaluated what was wrong and attempted some of the repairs, but so much more needed to be done."

The repair team was on the ground ready to work within a week. What they didn't take with them, they found on the installation or acquired from local vendors. The motor pool building was large enough to accommodate the antenna and had an overhead crane that allowed them to accomplish tasks not normally done in the field.

About \$1.5 million worth of parts were forwarded to the team to be installed in the radars.

"The persistent efforts of all the team members allowed radars to be placed into a mission status, until a swap out of the systems could take place," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Eric Adair, assistant product manager, Product Manager Radars,

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

by
Chaplain (Maj.) Philip Smiley



At some point in our lives, all of us get discouraged, feel like we don't matter and have serious doubts about our worth. Life can be overwhelming at times.

But every individual is of priceless worth. God created us with unlimited potential, with dignity and with pride. Genesis even describes us as created "in the image of God," reflecting his likeness and mirroring his

creativity. There are no "throw-aways" or second-class people.

And I believe it is up to each one of us to reinforce that fact. Find the good in others. Give a word of encouragement or praise. Reassure the hesitant and build confidence in the timid. Sometimes all it takes is a word, a smile or an unspoken gesture of support.

I want to share a poem that I think you will enjoy. It tells a great story, and reminds us of how much we are worth. I encourage you to wipe off the dust in others, tighten their strings and coax out the beautiful music that each is capable of.

THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

by Myra Brooks Welch

Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste much time on the old violin,
But held it up with a smile.
"What am I bid, good folk," he cried.
"Who'll start the bidding for me?"
"A dollar, a dollar"; then, "Two! Only Two?
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?
Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice;
Going for three...." But no,
From the room, far back, a gray-haired man
Came forward and picked up the bow;
Then, wiping the dust from the old violin,
And tightening the loose strings,
He played a melody pure and sweet
As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer,
With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said, "What am I bid for the old violin?"
And he held it up with the bow.
"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?
Two thousand! And who'll make it three?
Three thousand, once; three thousand, twice,
And going, and gone," said he.
The people cheered, but some of them cried,
"We do not quite understand
What changed its worth." Swift came the reply:
"The touch of a master's hand."

And many a man with life out of tune,
And battered and scarred with sin,
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd,
Much like the old violin.
A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine,
A game, and he travels on.
He is "going" once, and "going" twice,
He is "going" and almost "gone."
But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd
Never can quite understand
The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought
By the touch of the Master's hand.

Army activates Installation Management Command to strengthen support for Soldiers, family members

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army activated the Installation Management Command Oct. 24 to consolidate and strengthen installation support services to Soldiers and their families through the full authority of command.

Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson assumed the IMCOM command at a Pentagon ceremony hosted by Lt. Gen. James Campbell, director of the Army Staff. The new command places the former Installation Management Agency, the former Community and Family Support Center and the Former Army Environmental Center under a single command as a direct reporting unit.

"Today we take the next step in the evolution of Army installation management...in order to create a more efficient, effective and agile organization to ensure the best Army in the world is supported by the best installations in the world," Wilson said.

In keynote remarks, Campbell drew a parallel between the IMCOM and the new Army advertising slogan, "Army Strong." He defined "strong" as the ability to take stand up for oneself, while "Army Strong" is the ability to stand up for everyone else.

"In my mind, the Installation Management Command shows that it is Army Strong each and every day," Campbell said, "with the strength to make an installation a community; a set of quarters a home; and complete strangers, friends.

"[IMCOM has the strength] to ease separation and connect the Soldier on point with a family at home; the strength to genuinely care for the loved ones back home so that young Soldier facing life and death can focus on the mission at hand."

As IMCOM commander, Wilson is dual-hatted as the Army's assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, reporting directly to the Army chief of staff. Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, former IMA director, became IMCOM's deputy commander.

Under IMCOM, CFSC is renamed the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, and becomes a subordinate command of IMCOM, commanded by Brig. Gen. Belinda Pinckney, with its own flag. The AEC is now the Army Environmental Command—also a subordinate command, commanded by Col. Michael O'Keefe, and with its own flag.

"The Army has never been in greater need of installations as flagships of readiness than it is now," Wilson said, citing the construction, personnel and equipment realignments required to support Base Realignment and Closure, Army Modular Force, and Global Defense Posture Repositioning. He said BRAC alone accounts for more than 1,200 actions that impact the IMCOM mission.

The Army announced the establishment of the Installation Management Command as a direct reporting unit in August. This initiative is part of Army efforts to reorganize its commands and specified headquarters to obtain the most agile command and control structures to support the expeditionary, modular force.

The full authority of command is vital to effectively



Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson talks about how the Installation Management Command is the next step in the evolution of installation management during the command's activation ceremony Oct. 24 at the Pentagon.

direct the vast resources necessary to support troop deployments while meeting the needs of their families, Army officials said in announcing the decision to form IMCOM. Consolidating the installation management structure under IMCOM optimizes resources, protects the environment and enhances well-being of the Army community. IMCOM will provide fast, efficient and agile support to commanders in the performance of their tactical and strategic missions.

The new command, currently headquartered in Virginia and Maryland, will relocate in 2010 to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in accordance with requirements of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure round. The deputy commanding general will locate in Texas, while the commanding general and ACSIM functions remain at the Pentagon.

The new command also will consolidate the four Installation Management Agency regions within the continental United States into two as required by BRAC. The Western Region will stand up in November at Fort Sam Houston, with consolidation taking place over the next few years. The Eastern Region will locate at Fort Eustis, Va., in 2010.

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TEAM TOBYHANNA EXCELLENCE IN ELECTRONICS

Cheaper, better nets battery pack mission

by Anthony Ricchiazzi
Editor

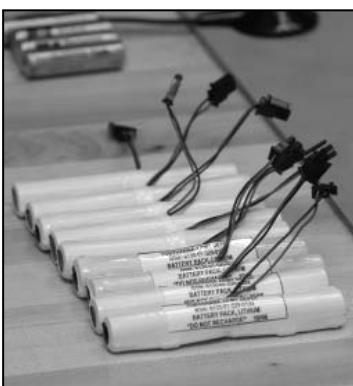
Quick delivery and best price earned Tobyhanna a mission to build battery packs critical to a friend or foe transponder.

Technicians in the Transponder Branch are building hundreds of battery packs for the AN/APX-118 Transponder. The branch is part of the Avionics Division, C3/Avionics Directorate.

The APX-118 is an identification friend or foe digital transponder with improved reliability over non-digital

transponders. It is used by the Navy on submarines and ships, and by the Army on aircraft. In addition to friend-or-foe identification, the system is also used for the safe operation of military aircraft in civilian airspace.

"The battery packs maintain cryptographic information in the APX-118s when aircraft are not in use," explained Michael Jones, branch chief. "If the battery packs were available, then the information would have to be



Batteries are joined together to make a battery pack for the AN/APX-118 IFF Transponder. Tobyhanna is producing thousands of the packs for the Army and Navy. (Photos by Anthony Ricchiazzi)

programmed into APX-118s every time they are used."

The battery pack is composed of two batteries that resemble AA batteries, but have a higher voltage, plus wires, electronic components and connectors to integrate them into an APX-118.

"There is a high demand for them in combat areas, so delivery time is critical," Jones said. "We can produce them faster than the previous manufacturer at about a 50 percent cost reduction." Jones attributed the time and cost reduction to Tobyhanna's efficiency, labor rate and customer service.

He said Lean principles have been applied to this asset to eliminate non value added steps and increased throughput. "We're working smarter, not harder," he said.

"Previous battery packs were unreliable and failing in the field," added Kevin Jones, electronics mechanic. "We came up with a highly reliable product."

Reliability is important because even though they have a shelf life of two years, the packs can degrade quickly in hot desert environments, said Dave Iverson, the lead electronics mechanic. The packs are expendable and replaced when the batteries expire, but the components are recyclable.

The work involves welding and soldering leads, connectors and diodes to two batteries, then wrapping them together to form a pack.

"The welding is the most difficult part of the job," said David Spiotto, electronics mechanic. "We built simple wood fixtures to make the job easier and faster."

"Right now we're producing about 300 per month," said Mike Jones. "In December, we're going to increase that to about 400 per month. We're planned to produce 6,000 of them for the Army and Navy in fiscal year 2007."



David Spiotto solders a diode onto a battery terminal. Two of these batteries will be joined together to form a battery pack that is used by the Navy on submarines and ships, and by the Army on aircraft.

Depot supports PA guard during Iraq deployment

by Kevin Toolan
Public Affairs Officer

Tobyhanna Army Depot helped the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 1-109th Infantry get ready for its recent mission in Iraq, and provided support throughout its yearlong tour there.

Lt. Col. Michael Konzman, the battalion commander, recently visited the depot to present a certificate of appreciation to depot commander Col. Ron Alberto. "I just wanted to thank the depot for the great support: from your teams that were over there, to the assistance back here with technical support, to the MWR (morale, welfare and recreation) help to our Soldiers and families," Konzman said.

Several depot employees were among area residents called to active-duty for deployment with the unit, which faced the full spectrum of wartime operations, from combat operations to base security to transportation security. The unit operated primarily from an air base in the dangerous Al Anbar province. The unit mobilized from July 2005 to June of this year and comprised Task Force Blue Steel while in the theater of operations.

Konzman stated that the battalion had a peak strength of 1,100 Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines and logged over 850,000 vehicle miles while completing more than 2,000 missions including base security, area security, convoy security and other combat and combat support operations. Other missions included providing security

for the vice president and the recovery of a downed aircraft.

"The unit performed exceptionally well and that's a credit to the Soldiers and the other military personnel in the task force," Konzman added. He credited intensive training at Camp Shelby in Mississippi, as well as at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., for having the unit prepared for operations in Iraq.

Tobyhanna's assistance in the maintenance arena contributed to that success, he explained.

"Without C4ISR, you don't survive. From helping us obtain parts and batteries to mounts for our radios, the depot support was great."

Tobyhanna employees provided a variety of assistance to the battalion as it prepared to deploy and during its deployment, said Tim Bucklaw of the Business Management Directorate. Bucklaw, a staff sergeant, was the unit's maintenance shop foreman in Iraq.

The depot provided stencils to label the unit's vehicles, equipment and duffel bags for shipping from the United States to Iraq, offered technical and material support on radio communications, computer systems, Blue Force Tracking, Night Vision devices and IED countermeasures. Depot assistance enabled the unit to place all of its radio installation kits on a variety of vehicles while still in Kuwait.

Depot personnel also helped the unit secure excess laptop computers for the unit's Internet café. The café was a major morale booster for the unit's Soldiers, Bucklaw



Members of the 1-109th Mechanized Infantry Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Division, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, present a certificate of appreciation to depot commander Col. Ron Alberto. From left, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Urban, Alberto, Lt. Col. Michael Konzman, battalion commander, and Master Sgt. Douglas Congdon, maintenance noncommissioned officer in charge. (U.S. Army photo)

the least I could do to make sure they had what they needed," Malinak said.

Michael Gelderman, an equipment cleaner in the Systems Integration and Support Directorate, also deployed with the unit and appreciated the depot's support. "The depot was a great asset. Before the deployment, they assisted the families in getting ID cards for spouses and kids, as well as providing an information resource for the families in regards to benefits and entitlements available when activated. I was also in contact with Joe Heitman (CPAC-Tobyhanna) regarding using some military leave I had built up. He was great, very friendly and helpful."

New packing methods save millions annually

Employees assembling BFT installation kits use Lean initiatives to streamline processes

by Jacqueline Boucher
Assistant Editor

Cutting time to produce kits for a critical situational awareness system has cut costs.

By using Lean methods to streamline day-to-day functions, workers assembling installation kits for Blue Force Tracking (BFT) were able to reduce production time by 40 minutes per kit; subsequently decreasing expenses from \$1,500 to \$900 per kit.

The depot designs and manufactures installation kits to support the BFT system which is used in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Bosnia and Kosovo. The kits, designed by Production Engineering Directorate personnel and built by employees in the Systems Integration and Support Directorate, provide the electrical and mechanical interfaces for the equipment.

"Blue Force Tracking is a hardened computer, with a satellite antenna that can be mounted into anything using our kits," said John Parada, mechanical engineering technician, New Technology, Research and Development Division, Production Engineering Directorate. Installation kits consist of cables, brackets and hardware, he explained. "We used Lean initiatives to cut costs and improve the process."

Initiatives such as empowering shop personnel to package and inspect individual kits bound for the bBFT assembly line helped eliminate non-value added steps.

Over the course of four years, the assembly process has evolved from "individual parts being thrown in a box" to each shop being responsible for prepackaging the electrical, mechanical and hardware kits before sending them to assembly, according to Parada. "We also shaved minutes off the process by putting up a storyboard showing every piece of hardware in the kit so employees could visually match the items for shipment."

To date, the depot has produced more than 28,000 kits for Humvees, tracked vehicles, and various other vehicle platforms. Customers include the Army, Marines, and United Kingdom and Australian forces.

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Monmouth, N.J. "From shipping and tracking critical repair parts to the repair of the systems and all the ancillary equipment, the team worked six days a week to ensure the mission was accomplished." He added that once the radars were repaired and upgraded, the team trained and mentored the Soldiers with "invaluable insights into radar maintenance and operations."

The Soldiers assigned to the radars helped make repairs, often working 10 hours a day, six days a week.

"We worked side-by-side with the Soldiers to teach them some of the finer points of the system," said Constantine Georgiades, electronics mechanic leader, Firefinder Division. "We were able to use the overhead crane to change out trailers on the 37s," he said, explaining that the trailers weigh up to seven tons each.



Bob Hileman, left, and George Marhelko assemble installation kits for the Blue Force Tracking system which is used in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Bosnia and Kosovo. Both are sheet metal workers in SIS Directorate. (Photos by Tony Medici)

"We fabricated more than 13,000 kits last year," said Linda Flynn, production controller, Manufacturing Scheduling Division, Production Management Directorate. She said roughly 100 people throughout the depot are involved in making the items necessary to support the BFT effort.

The assembly area is the focal point for all the parts and pieces being made around the depot.

"We're the last in line," said Bob Hileman, sheet metal worker, who has been working on BFT assembly for two years. There are three people who work in the assembly area, and they seem to prefer this arrangement to the older method, he noted.

"Things flow much smoother and it doesn't take as long to do the task," Hileman said. "Now everything is where it needs to be for easy assembly."

BFT is a system that improves Soldiers' ability to see what is going on around them on the battlefield, called situational awareness, to near real time. It uses satellite communications to enable warfighters to communicate with each other and

with command. The system is credited with saving lives during Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom by reducing the possibility of friendly-fire incidents.

It's comprised of state-of-the art equipment consisting of computers using Force Battle Command Battalion/Brigade-and-Below software, video monitors, Position Location Ground Radios and satellite antennas.

Parada explained that Soldiers can see where they are on maps displayed on the video monitors. Communication through e-mail or radio is available via satellite, which also provides global positioning information.

"Every vehicle out there that has it [BFT] receives the same picture," Parada said. "It shows where people are and provides communication between vehicles and command posts. We actually had a general attending an event in Atlantic City send an e-mail to a Humvee in Iraq."

Joe Healey, electrician leader in the Fabrication Support Branch, explained that implementing Lean initiatives also shifted inspection and testing procedures to individual work areas before the packages go



Thousands of pre-packaged cables, switchboxes and other electrical components are added to BFT installation kits annually.

to the assembly area. The branch provides cables, switchboxes and other electrical requirements for the kits.

"This is a team effort and everyone knows the seriousness of what they're doing," Healey said. "I'm proud of the people and the work they do on this project."

"Soldiers in the field can be sure that the system is going to work as soon as it's hooked up."

"The Soldiers were thrilled to see how it made the equipment more efficient and reliable," said Georgiades.

The mission of the Firefinder systems on the Korean Peninsula is critical to defeating enemy long-range artillery systems and to assist in acting as a deterrent during the Korean Peninsula Armistice, according to Adair.

The mission of the 2nd ID is to train and remain ready to "Fight Tonight" and deter aggression as part of the Combined Forces Command and the Republic of Korea-United States Alliance.

"Pass my thanks to all involved in this critical mission," said Col. Ron Alberto, depot commander. "I appreciate the dedication and commitment of our folks who went half-way around the world to repair and upgrade critical Firefinder systems."

I appreciate our folks working with Soldiers to increase their maintenance awareness."

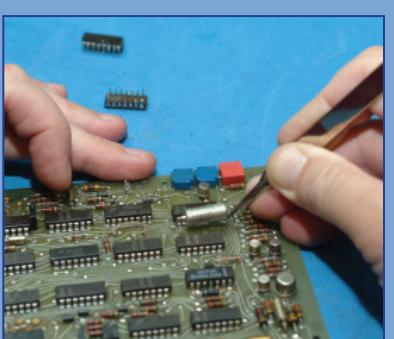
In addition, sheet metal workers repaired shelters that were mounted on the back of Humvees and did minor maintenance on the TPQ-36s.

"This was a unique experience because we performed in-depth, depot-level maintenance not ordinarily done in the field," said Nicholas Prokopchak, sheet metal worker, Industrial Services Division, Systems Integration and Support Directorate. "A big part of our job was making sure the systems were sealed and rain tested."

Eric Mateyka, another sheet metal mechanic, helped modify 5-ton trucks and change an antenna radome face.

"We worked on anything that needed sheet metal work such as broken inserts and screws," Mateyka said. "Changing the antenna radome face was a big project and a procedure we've never done in the field."

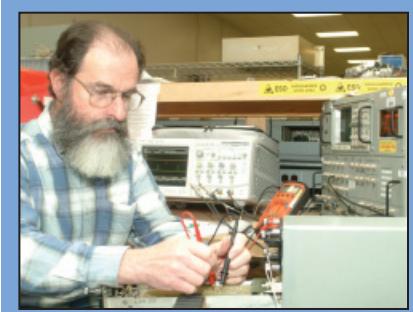
The team also installed new laptop computers in the AN/TPQ-36s.

EXCELLENCE IN ELECTRONICS**AROUND THE DEPOT****Equipment Specs**

The AN/TPS-75, a deployable, transportable, mobile tactical radar system, capable of providing long range radar, azimuth, range, height and Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) data within 240 nautical miles. The radar also provides a real-time airspace picture and data support via ground or satellite communication link.



Ted Teasley, electronics mechanic, Surveillance Systems Division, overhauls an SF-6 tank.

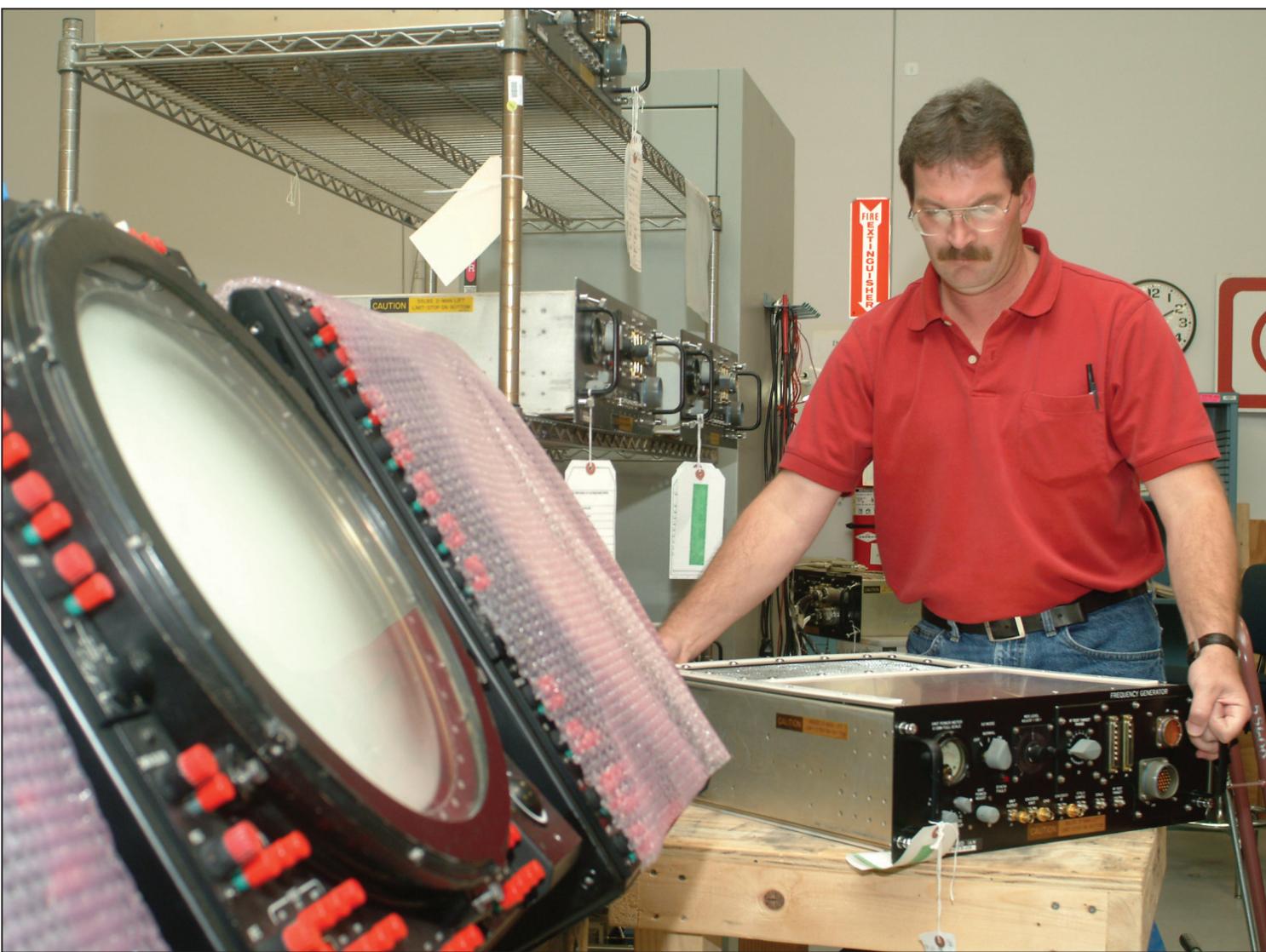


Larry Culbert, electronics mechanic, works on an AN/UPA-59 IFF decoder.

Air Defense Radar Components Branch

Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Directorate

The branch's 20 employees overhaul, repair, modify, test and provide field assistance for components of the AN/TPS-75 Radar System and associated Air Force equipment.



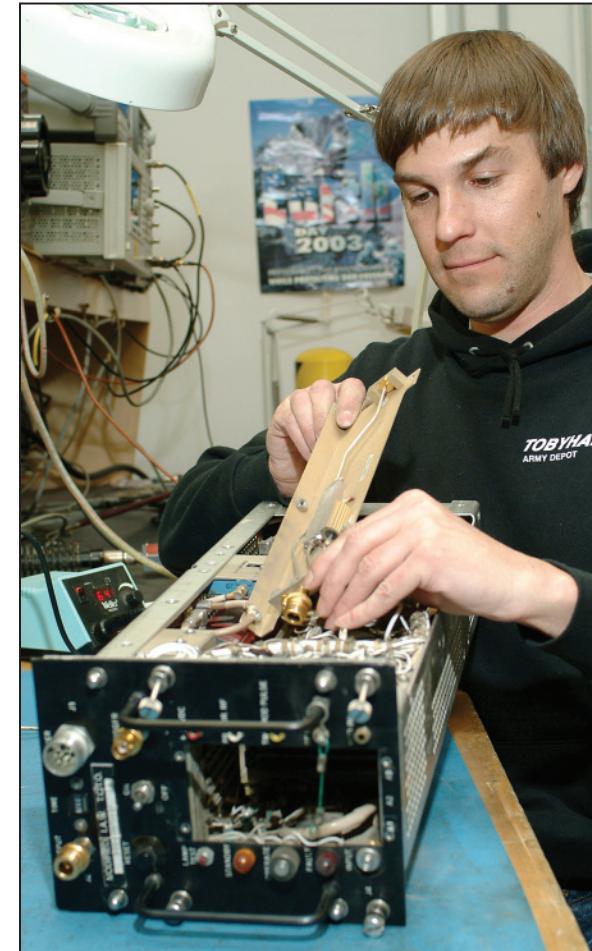
Clark Ross, electronics mechanic leader, begins processing a radio frequency generator. (Photos by Steve Grzezdzinski)



Brian Weiss, electronics mechanic, assembles slip rings on a rotary coupler.



Jesse Connolly, electronics leader, tests an electronic switch.



John Herr, electronics mechanic, assembles an RF amplifier switch.



Clockwise, James Caladie, electronics worker, Culbert, Ross, Bobbi Jo Gable, electronics worker, and Steveland McAllister, electronics mechanic, work in the AN/TPS-75 component shop.

WELCOME TO THE DEPOT

Name

Robert Collins
Charles Corman
Clifford Jones
Allan Kanarr
Thomas Kearney
Robert Kovitch
Bruce Lawrence
David Russell
Jeffery Saffold
Brian Stevenson

Title

Distribution process worker
Distribution process worker
Electronics equipment spec
Distribution process worker
Materials handler
Carpentry worker
Distribution process worker
General supply specialist
Electronics equipment spec
Distribution process worker

Organization

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RETIREEES

Two employees met with depot commander Col. Ron Alberto Oct. 27 before retiring.

Gregory Kippycash was a process improvement specialist, Process Engineering Division, Product Improvement and Innovation Directorate.

He started working at Tobyhanna in 1976.

Kippycash resides in Mt. Cobb with his wife, Sharon. They are the parents of Elizabeth.

His hobbies include photography, shooting pistols in competition, oil painting, skiing, gardening and motorcycles. After retirement he plans to "do whatever my wife tells me to do."

Richard Siegfried was an electronics mechanics leader, Firefinder Components Branch, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.

He served seven years in the Army before starting work at Tobyhanna in 1989.

Siegfried resides in Greentown with his wife, Mary Lou. They are the parents of Richard, Scott, Bryan and James, and grandparents of Rebecca, Rachael, Goldie, Andrew, Logan, Trevor and Nicholas.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing, traveling and watching his wife spoil the grandchildren.

After retirement he plans to move to Tennessee where he is building a retirement home on 30 acres of land.



Kippycash



Siegfried

CAREER MILESTONE

Length of Service



From left, Jerome Kelly, Janice Beck, Anthony Grande, depot commander Col. Ron Alberto, Edward Mojzuk, Mark Ritter and John Ruggiero attend the Length of Service Awards ceremony held Oct. 30.

Six Tobyhanna Army Depot employees were recognized for their years of government service during the Oct. 30 Length of Service ceremony.

John Ruggiero, 40 years, electronics technician, Operations Support Division chief, Production Engineering Directorate.

Mark Ritter, 30 years, maintenance mechanic leader, Utilities and Grounds Division, Public Works Directorate.

Edward Mojzuk, 30 years, electronic integrated systems mechanic, Satellite Communications Division, Communications Systems Directorate.

Anthony Grande, 30 years, electronics mechanic leader, Firefinder Division, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.

Jerome Kelly, 30 years, logistics management specialist, Air Traffic Control Scheduling Division, Production Management Directorate.

Janice Beck, 30 years, supervisory production controller, Air Traffic Control Division, Production Management Directorate.

In addition to service certificates and pins 40-year honorees receive a crystal eagle from the Communication-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command and a gold watch from Tobyhanna; 30-year honorees received a framed American flag and aerial photo of the depot.

Honorees who attend the ceremony get a four-hour time-off award. Depot commander Col. Ron Alberto presented the awards.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Editor's Note: The Community Bulletin provides an avenue for depot and tenant employees to advertise van or car pools, and for-sale items. Money making items such as rentals and personal business will not be accepted.

Information must be submitted via e-mail to Jacqueline Boucher@tobyhanna.army.mil, or written items can be mailed to the Public Affairs Office, mail stop 5076.

Submissions must include a name and telephone extension. Only home phone numbers will be published in the Trading Post section. Ads will be published in four consecutive newspapers. It is the customer's responsibility to update or renew items listed in the Community Bulletin. For more information, call Jacqueline Boucher, X58073.



VAN/CAR POOLS

- Lehigh Valley or Wind Gap:** individual seeks ride, van or car pool, 3:30 p.m. to midnight shift, call Craig Tshudy, X56978.
- Lenoxville:** starting new van pool, 5/4/9, call Bob Tonkin, X57240.
- Maplewood, Lake Henry Road, Route 348 and Mt. Cobb:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, door-to-door pickup, call Jane Allardyce, X57645 or Tim Reimann, X57756.
- Wilkes-Barre:** 2 openings, van, nonsmoking, 15 passengers, leaves Sam's Club parking lot at 5:45 a.m., 5/4/9, additional openings may be available, call John Alden, X58640.

- Miners Mill, Pittston:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, nonsmoking, pick up at Schiels Market in Miners Mill or Pollack Chevrolet on Route 315 in Pittston, call John Kozich, X57450.

- Dunmore:** 2 openings, van, 7 passengers, nonsmoking, door-to-door pickup, 5/4/9, available Jan. 1, call Tom Stasko, X57930.

- Mountain Top/White Haven:** 1-2 openings, van, 7 passengers, nonsmoking, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. shift, starts in November, Leaves Mr. Zs at 5:45 a.m. and passes through White Haven, call Janet, X57532.

- Factoryville:** 1 opening, 5/4/9, pick up at the VFW in Clarks Summit, call Norm White, X57520.

- Blakeslee:** individual wants to join a van pool, call Allen, X58550.

- Wilkes-Barre, Miners Mills:** 2 openings, van, 15 passengers, 5/4/9, call Joe Walski, X57240.

- Dickson City:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, "A" placard, no smoking, call Dave Stevens, X59065.

- Old Forge:** 2 openings, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, call Ed Generose, X59643.

- East Stroudsburg, Mount Pocono, Tobyhanna:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, along routes 209, 447, 940 and 611, call Karl Lyons, X56536, Tina Williams, X59229 or Richard Steele, X59269.

- Mountain Top:** 2 openings, van, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., "A" placard, non-smoking, call Mike Henry, X56754.

- Stroudsburg, Lehigh Valley:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, meets at the Snydersville Diner, call Ann Super, X58749.

- Wilkes-Barre:** 1 opening, van, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., call Wesley Dervinis, X56839.



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- Misc. items:** utility dump cart, \$140; tow-behind lawn sweeper, \$400; tow-behind lawn sprayer, \$200; lawn roller, \$100; Canon S750 and S600 printers, \$100 each; corner computer desk, \$250; glass-top computer desk/2 file drawers; television swivel stand, \$200, call Adrienne, 853-3113.

- Harley Davidson Sportster:** 2003, 1200XLC, 100th anniversary edition, 2,500 miles, blue with chrome, asking \$9,500, call Heather, (570) 236-8838.

- Vehicle:** 1996 Dodge Ram 2500, 4x4, front damage (slid on ice into tree), starts/runs, not drivable, 8.0 liter V10, 161,630 miles (mostly highway), 3-inch body lift kit, standard cab, PW, PL, PS, new BFG all-terrain tires, new shocks, dual flowmaster exhaust, Westin side step bars, Tonneau bed cover, good work truck, \$3,500 OBO, call Lori Palermo, X56260.

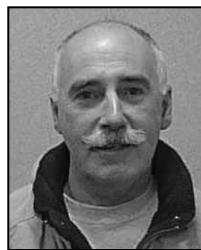
- Ford van:** 1989, E150, 5.0, V8, 302, auto, 107K original miles, new transmission, shocks, brakes and exhaust, good condition, asking \$2,195 OBO, call Raymond at 427-8613.

- Lawn tractor:** International Harvester, model 100, 10hp, 42-inch cutting deck, creeper gearing, working condition, asking \$200, call Bob, 842-2550.

- Printer:** HP Photosmart 7960, paid \$300, asking \$200, like new, includes cartridges; #58 HP ink jet photo cartridges in boxes, \$35 each. Call 620-1550.

OBITUARIES

Eugene Muskey died Nov. 2. He was 59. His wife is the former Lynn Cusick and they had been married for 31 years.



Muskey

A native of Scranton, he resided in Dickson City. He was the son of the late Eugene and Evelyn Dougherty Muskey. He was also preceded in death by an infant brother, James.

He was a graduate of Scranton Technical High School and Penn State University.

A Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War, he was an electronics mechanic in the depot's Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate. His depot career began in June 1981.

He was an avid fisherman and loved traveling with his wife.

Also surviving are a son, Jason; a daughter,

Jennifer Whiteford; three grandchildren; a brother and four sisters.

Thomas Beehler died Nov. 1. He was 58. His wife is the former Geraldine Leonard Beehler. They had been married for 22 years.

A native of East Stroudsburg, he resided in Tobyhanna. He was the son of the late William and Julia Kolodzey Beehler.

He was a 1967 graduate of Pocono Mountain High School.

A Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, Beehler was a materials handler/motor vehicle operator in the depot's Public Works Directorate. His depot career began in January 1981.

He was a founding member of the Pocono Mountain Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. He was a scout master of Boy Scout Troop 76 and the Troop 76 Venture Crew. He was a choir member at St. Ann's Church and worked as a mason. Beehler was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Also surviving are a son, Nickolas; a daughter, Katrena; a brother and several nieces and nephews.



Beehler

THE GOVERNOR

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HARRISBURG

October 17, 2006

Colonel Ronald P. Alberto, Commander
Tobyhanna Army Depot
11 Hap Arnold Boulevard
Tobyhanna, PA 18466-5000

Dear Colonel Alberto:

I congratulate you and the men and women of Tobyhanna Army Depot for receiving the 2006 Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing (Public Sector) Bronze level and the 2006 Best Manufacturing Practices Excellence Award from the Navy's Office of Naval Research. These distinct awards represent very significant accomplishments. The Tobyhanna Army Depot community can take great pride in these high quality awards.

Tobyhanna Army Depot continues to provide outstanding military value to our nation and our commonwealth. The depot has been very impressive in its mission orientation, productivity, savings, and overall mission accomplishment.

I wish everyone at Tobyhanna Army Depot ongoing success as you continue to lead the military in manufacturing and utilizing best practices through world class excellence.

Sincerely,

Edward G. Rendell

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Governor

Jim Thorpe: A Native American's contribution to sports

by Lauren Brennan
Equal Opportunity Office assistant

November was designated as "National American Indian Heritage Month" in 1990.

It's an opportunity to recognize the original inhabitants of this land and to educate the public about the heritage, history, art, and traditions of the American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Selecting just one Native American to honor and recognize is difficult since there are so many who have contributed to our nation's history.

It seems appropriate, however, to select one of the greatest athletes of the 20th century who spent much of his life in Pennsylvania.

James Francis Thorpe (Jim Thorpe) was born on May 28, 1888, near Prague,

Oklahoma. His Indian name was Wa-tho-huck or Bright Path. At the age of 16, Jim was recruited to attend a vocational school in Carlisle. It was here that Thorpe first displayed his athletic ability by succeeding in a variety of sports, including track and field, baseball and lacrosse. Thorpe's biggest success at Carlisle, however, occurred on the football field.

In 1911, he played running back, defensive back, place-kicker and punter for his school's football team. During a game against Harvard, Thorpe gained national attention for scoring all of his team's points, including four field goals and a touchdown. His team beat Harvard 18-13 and finished 11-1 for the season. In 1912, Thorpe scored 25 touchdowns and 198 points (over 12 games) and led his team to the national collegiate championship. Thorpe won All-American honors in both 1911 and 1912.

Thorpe also made news on the world stage in 1912 when he went to the Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden, to participate for the U.S. team in track and field. He won gold medals in the pentathlon and decathlon, and to this day, is the only athlete to achieve that honor.

Although Thorpe would go on to play professional baseball as an outfielder with the New York Giants, Cincinnati Reds and the Boston Braves, his greatest professional achievements occurred in football.

Thorpe played for several professional football teams, including the Canton

Bulldogs, Cleveland Indians, Oorang Indians, Rock Island Independents, New York Giants and Chicago Cardinals. His teams won unofficial world championship titles in 1916, 1917 and 1919, which helped move professional football forward in the public's eye.

Thorpe became the first president of the American Professional Football Association (now the NFL) and is known as a founding father of professional football. He played 52 NFL games before retiring from professional sports at the age of 40 in 1928.

Thorpe died in 1953 and is buried in Mauch Chunk. Although Jim Thorpe never lived in Mauch Chunk, it is fitting that he is memorialized here in the state of Pennsylvania, where he spent the happiest years of his life. In recognition of this athlete, the town of Mauch Chunk changed its name to Jim Thorpe after he was buried there.

Although Thorpe died over 50 years ago, his legend will live forever. In 1950, he was voted the top American athlete of the first half of the 20th century in an Associated Press poll of sportswriters.

In 1963, Thorpe was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. In addition, a large memorial statue of Thorpe was built in his honor and is located in the rotunda at the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

College football also honors his legacy – each year the best defensive back receives the Jim Thorpe Award. I'm sure that as long as sports are played in America, the name Jim Thorpe will be remembered.



Thorpe throwing the discus during the Pentathlon competition at the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm.



Thorpe posing in his football uniform, c. 1915.



REUSE, REDUCE, RECYCLE





Ben Franklin directors meet at Tobyhanna, learn about missions

Jim Mangino, director of Production Engineering, briefs the directors of the Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania on the depot's Firefinder mission. The directors conducted their quarterly board meeting at Tobyhanna Oct. 24. As part of the board meeting, Mangino provided a command overview and capabilities briefing. Several of the board members also received a tour of the depot's operations area before departing the installation. The Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeast Pennsylvania is part of a state-funded economic development program created in 1983. It links entrepreneurs and companies with funding, people, technology, universities and other resources to help them prosper and to fuel economic growth for the Commonwealth. The partnership has assisted with several technology-related projects over the last 20 years. The meeting and visit provided regional leaders from government, education and finance the opportunity to learn more about Tobyhanna's missions in support of the joint warfighter. (Photo by Tony Medici)

Veterans urged to wear military medals on national Veterans Day observance

by Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—With National Veterans Awareness Week under way and the national Veterans Day observance on Nov. 11, the Veterans Affairs secretary is urging all veterans to show their pride by wearing their military medals.

R. James Nicholson's "Veterans Pride" initiative calls on veterans to wear the medals they earned while in uniform this Veterans Day to "let America know who you are and what you did for freedom," he said.

The campaign is modeled after a tradition in Australia and New Zealand, countries that honor the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, or ANZAC, every April 25. The observance originally commemorated more than 8,000 Australians killed during the battle of Gallipoli during World War I, but now honors all Australian and New Zealand veterans.

Last year, while attending ANZAC ceremonies in Sydney, Nicholson said he was struck to see all the veterans and surviving family members wearing their military medals and campaign ribbons.

"It focused public pride and attention on those veterans as individuals with personal histories of service and sacrifice for the common good," he noted in a message to veterans. "That is why I am calling on America's veterans to wear their military medals this Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2006."

Nicholson and leaders of major veterans groups announced the initiative during an Oct. 18 ceremony here at the VA headquarters.

Wearing their medals, he said, "will demonstrate the deep pride our veterans have in their military service and bring Veterans Day home to all American citizens."

CALLING ALL VETERANS

**WEAR YOUR MEDALS
ON VETERANS DAY**

**AND
SHOW YOUR PRIDE**

The Department of Veterans Affairs calls on all veterans to express their patriotism and pride on Veterans Day and other major patriotic holidays through a display of medals earned in their military service.

Join your comrades in public display of your military decorations. It's a way to show your community the spirit of America's veterans and remind your neighbors of the service and sacrifices of those who guarded democracy.

As we salute America's heroes on Veterans Day, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, wear your medals and show your pride, whether participating in public observances or relaxing with family and friends. Your medals tell a story of service in the cause of freedom that all Americans need to hear.

For more information, visit the VA's Web site at: www.va.gov/veteranspride

"We expect Americans will see our decorated heroes unite in spirit at ceremonies, in parades and elsewhere as a compelling symbol of courage and sacrifice on Veterans Day, the day we set aside to thank those who served and safeguarded our national security," Nicholson said at the ceremony.

Nicholson and the veterans group leaders hope to start a new tradition in which U.S. veterans wear their military medals every Veterans Day, Memorial Day and Fourth of July.

Information about the Veterans Pride campaign is posted on the VA Web site. The site also helps veterans determine where to go to replace lost medals or to confirm which decorations they're entitled to wear.



Team #5 wins golf championship

Jason Menago (front) hits a practice shot before beginning final play of the season for the Wednesday Night Golf League. Joe Pocius (left) and Joe Valvonis prepare to fire their own shots. They are members of Team #5, who won the championship by defeating Team #1 in an 18-hole match game with a score of 14-6 on a point system. The team won in the final match between Joe Valvonis and Jason Menago, and Team #1's Steve Chwiej and Joe Buchowski. Other Team #5 players are Frank Nawrocki, Keith Hoffman, Charlie Wells, Sam Goll and John Zelena. Other Team #1 players are Steve Gardner, Rob Glowacki, Alex Poslusny, Gregg Babarsky, Mike Sedor, John Dabbieri, Rich Bokanich, Rich Ondrako, Barry Brink, Jeff Miller and Norm Chapman. Ten teams played this year at the Pocono Manor Golf Course. (Photo courtesy Jason Menago)



The B-72's raise thousands

A Tobyhanna Noontime Softball League team helped raise several thousand dollars to support recreation programs for the children of Avoca, such as the Avoca/Dupont Little League. The B-72s played in the Avoca Mayor's Tourney from Sept. 14-17. The Morale, Welfare and Recreation office sponsored the team to play in the annual tournament. They placed fourth out of 10 teams with a record of 2 wins and 2 losses in a double elimination format. The team was complimented for their exemplary behavior and positive attitude, and welcomed back to next year's event. This was the fifth time the B-72s have participated in this event. From left, front row: Jay Revielo, Bob Taylor, Paul Lajewski, Bill Rupp, Michael Renna (batboy) and Anthony Renna (batboy). Back row: Gerry Lynch, Ed Chicoski, John Kovacs, Derek Dalbo, Tom Musso, Bob Webb, Ed Myshak, Marc Renna, and John Tetlak. (Photo courtesy Ed Myshak)

